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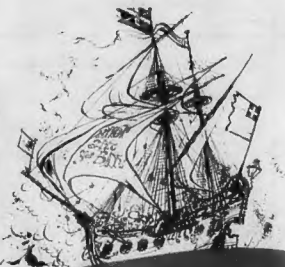
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Public meeting slated next week

The town of Drayton Valley will hold its annual public meeting Tuesday, March 15. The meeting, to be held in the Provincial Building, is held each year in accordance with the Municipal Act. Under the Act such a meeting must be held once each year.

The meeting will consist of two and possibly three segments. It will begin with answers to questions previously submitted at the town office. They will go over the answers at the beginning of the meeting," explained town Manager Mandy Dool.

Following that the town affairs will be reported on. "This includes such things as the auditor's

report, projects completed, planned and under way and other information," Dool said.

Mayer Bob Mayhew hoped there would be enough time after the first segment to participate to open the meeting to questions from the floor. "We naturally give them that courtesy — time permitting," he said.

"It's dependent on how many questions come in by mail; that's first priority."

The meeting will be chaired by a person who is not a member of either town council or the administration, added Mayhew.

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Four-year-old Bradley Bensch leads up his mask with some help from Elks member Dave Harty.

Klondike Days popular with kids

The equivalent of almost the entire population of Wildwood turned out Friday night as the 25th annual Klondike Days began with the children's night.

Over 450 people attended the event which provided games of chance and skill for the youngsters and scordough events for their parents.

Shooting galleries, a bean bag throw, a fishing pond and a dime loss were among the Elks Club-run event.

"We aren't concerned with making any money," said Elk Nick Myeshuk, "It's just a night out for the kids."

The second night drew over 200 adults to a dinner and dance.

Myeshuk explained the event has changed over the years and preceded the Edmonton celebration. The theme was used the year before by the towns of Dunald and then Wildwood started it in March of 1964 — just prior to Edmonton's inauguration in July of the same year.

At one time there was a contest for queen of the event and about 10 years ago the facilities were split over two evenings with one for the children and one for the adults.

"We've always had hogwasing and nail-driving and those kinds of things," he said.

Originally the competitions were held outside but they proved to be too much for the club workers to handle. The club has about 60 members with 25 to 30 of those being active.

Myeshuk pointed out a number of posters used as part of the decorations and explained they were done by Alex McGregor, a teacher who was instrumental in starting the event. "He was keen and wanted to see something started along this line."



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Fire dispute continues

By Stuart Adams

Thursday's meeting of Drayton Valley town council was highlighted by council standing firm on its position regarding the withdrawal of fire protection to the County of Parkland. Instructions were made to town administration to advise the town's intentions regarding county fire protection and that it would withdraw fire protection from the County of Parkland as of April 30, 1983 and respond only to fires within the town boundaries.

The move arose from the county's refusal to increase its share of funding for the department — an agreement signed by the two bodies Nov. 6, 1981 1982 operating budget called for \$100,000 and the town requested the county pay \$28,781 or 30 per cent.

The county's share under the 1981 agreement would be \$2,820 or 30 per cent. This total was disputed by the county which claims over \$10,000 in additional claims have been paid directly to the fire department in honorariums.

Referring to another clause in the agreement which states "this Agreement may be terminated at

any time by either party forthwith upon default of any of the terms thereof, or if no default occurs, upon six (6) months notice in writing to the other party" town council felt the agreement was no longer in effect.

In a letter to the town dated Jan. 24, 1983 the county indicated that further negotiations are warranted because county officials feel the agreement provides a "fair and equitable arrangement."

At the centre of the issue is the budget for the department which is administered by the town. The town requested the county pay \$28,781 or 30 per cent.

The town was unable to confirm this figure, saying the sum went directly to the fire department.

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Addressing problems plague post office

Over 20 per cent of the letters being sorted in Drayton Valley do not have a complete mailing address.

Mail without a complete address is now being returned to the sender, said Postmaster Le-Ray Robinson.

"It is the responsibility of the sender of any item of mail to see that it has a complete mailing address before it is mailed," Robinson added.

The post office is allowed 600 man hours of time to sort the approximately 300,000 pieces of mail it receives a month. "We are using many more hours per week than other communities similar to ours," he explained.

The reason they were previously delivered was because a postal clerk stopped sorting and looked up the box number, Robinson added. Quite often after a lengthy search through ever-changing lists and directories the letter would have to be either sorted again or marked unknown and returned to the sender, he said.

"In Drayton Valley a complete address must contain either a box number, a suburban service street address or general delivery along with the postal code."

"I am allotted no time to sort or process mail that requires extra handling or time to look up box numbers or street addresses," Robinson said.

To solve the problem, Robinson says he has to borrow some hours from the widest section. This "explains why you quite often see only one postal clerk waiting on a large line-up of about 10 to 15 people."

For every letter that requires an address search, 20 to 30 letters that have complete addresses could be sorted.

Although post office regulations are clear in telling Robinson he must not use up time in looking up box numbers and street addresses, he explains he does make exceptions in the area of old age pensions, family allowances, unemployment insurance and other cheques which are urgently required by the addressee.

Robinson recommends not to use the telephone book to address mail. "Most often it gives a street address that is not a mailing address," he added.

Robinson also recommended that businesses in Drayton Valley which have a list of customers they regularly mail to, send their list to him and he will see that the complete mailing addresses that are required are added to the list.

Fire department

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and on to the firefighters. However, it was pointed out by the administration that in the 1982 budget the town paid \$20,000 in honorariums to the fire department and the firefighters.

At present the county has a fire truck stationed in the Drayton Valley fire hall, the maintenance of which is covered in its cost-sharing funds. The town and the county units are sometimes used as backups if the respective situation warrants.

A meeting the previous week between the mayor of Drayton Valley, Bob Mayhew, and county Reeve Lee Miller served to reopen negotiations for the two sides.

Mayhew informed council another meeting was set for March 11 in Drayton Valley. He said commit-tees from the respective bodies would be present along with himself and the reeve.

Miller was optimistic the situation could be resolved and that both councils want to move to that end. However, he added he was disappointed the town was going about the advertising of the withdrawal of services. "We're going to the meeting with the sincere purpose of resolving the situation," he said.

He indicated the county's approach will be more of an informal review session. "I don't think we've made any plans," he explained. "We're just prepared to sit down and review the whole problem."

When asked about the county's portion of the budget he responded: "There are a lot of other cost-sharing areas other than the fire department."

"We're involved with the town in a number of areas and I think they all need reviewing."



A budding architect

Every 11-year-old boy needs a more fort and Paul Jean built his on the corner of 52nd Ave. and 49 St. He said it was an afternoon's work but he had a few friends helping for a while. He's a student at Elementary B School.



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Paid higher than other communities

Instructors get paycheque cut

Recreation instructors were told during a meeting Thursday by the town recreation department that their pay cheques were being reduced.

"After a review of similar communities and similar circumstances throughout the area we had

determined that we were paying local instructors on a higher scale. So we have determined in order to offer programs with the same user fee structure we would have to lower instructor pay," said Dennis Woolsey, recreation director.

The majority of the instructors attending the

meeting agreed they were being paid higher than instructors in other communities, he said.

Explaining the reasoning behind the move, Woolsey said it was getting to the point that there would have to be 17 to 18 people in a course to be able to offer it.

"The recreation department is of the opinion that we should be offering programs to all instead of just the people who can afford them," he said.

Linda Watson, an aerobics instructor, admitted Woolsey has been the first recreation director to conduct a meeting with the instructors. She said Woolsey explained to them that he was trying to accommodate both the instructors and the community with the pay reduction.

Instead of \$20 an hour, instructors will receive \$15 per hour of instruction time, as long as there are 30 or more people in the class. The pay schedule would be prorated on a percentage basis for any number below that, she said.

Watson said candidly that she was not satisfied, but in order to still give the service to the community she would put up with the decrease until it would increase again.

"When considering the overhead involved such as babysitters, tapes, travel and planning lessons, instructors do not make anything, she said. "I am not doing this to make any money," she added.

Jacklighting nets \$500 fine

James Byrna of Spruce Grove pleaded guilty in provincial court Thursday to a charge of hunting big game with a night light and hunting wildlife

patrol near Rocky Ridge Nov. 27, 1982.

Byrna was apprehended by the Wildlife night hunting patrol near Rocky Ridge Nov. 27, 1982.

Icy streets bend fenders



This fender bender was just the final result of a five-car pile-up on Industrial Road and 50th Ave. Last week's snowfall has caused difficulties for a number of Drayton Valley residents and curbed snow removal efforts were a bid to save money.

Most of the snow fell March 5 and clearing was limited to major intersections and school bus routes until Wednesday afternoon.

Town workers began moving the snow off the main arteries and widening it and continued through Thursday and Friday. Downtown main streets were cleared and the snow removed while it was graded to the edge of the streets in secondary areas.

"We have one chance of saving the taxpayer some money and we take it," explained Mayor Bob Mayhew.

Town Manager Manny Deol said the cost of a cleaning and clearing operation would run between \$6,000 and \$10,000. "We don't think moving the snow is advantageous because it's going to melt in a couple of weeks," said Councillor Alex Galt.

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Opinions

Meeting deserves attendance

The town of Drayton Valley holds its annual public meeting next week and although residents should exercise their right to attend they should also be aware of the nature of the meeting.

Of primary concern is the format under which the administration and council will respond to questions from the public. It makes sense for them to request written questions in advance — the opportunity to

provide pertinent facts and figures to support their answers is something they deserve. Advance questions also allows them to establish some form of order in which the meeting may be presented. Again, this is only fair.

This will be an interesting meeting because it is the final one, barring a petition calling for another public meeting, prior to the fall civic election.

Everyone has had ample time to observe the present town council and the way it has managed their community. Now is the time for residents to voice their concerns.

Town council is elected by the people and the job of its members is to serve the people. This is the people's chance to question its servants on how they are running the town.

The meeting will carry on for a limited length of time. There may not be an open question and answer period at the end of the meeting.

It will be in everyone's interest to attend and the best results will come about if they are aware of how the meeting will be conducted.



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Streets should have been cleared

Whether we own property or not we are all affected by taxes and last week's snowfall should have been cleared off the streets by our tax dollars.

Property owners feel the tax bite every year, but renters should be aware of it as well. Their landlords pass part of the taxes along as an expense and retailers have to consider it as part of their overhead.

So, with the money spent on taxes every year — approximately \$2.9 million in 1982 — we should not have to put up with the discomfort

and even the danger of uncleared streets. Town council and the administration deserve credit for attempting to save the townspeople money. But their choice of methods was inappropriate.

There were no serious accidents or injuries resulting from the uncleared streets, but with the amount of traffic in a community of this size there easily could have been.

We, and they, are fortunate nothing like that happened, but they took a risk with a relatively small return.

Editor's Notes

Someone out there is looking to stir things up a bit. The reference is to 'Ace the Raven' whose letter to the editor appears later in these pages.

I should have known something like that would happen. And the writer chose a weak spot: letters to the editor are more or less a sacred thing.

As a journalist you have to remember the importance of the letters to the editor section. When you write every week you tend to take getting your opinion in print for granted.

So you have these safety valves such as letters to the editor.

The only thing about 'Ace the Raven' is I don't know who he, she or they is or are. To be honest I think whoever is up to it has a viewpoint which may not be considered normal.

But then who really wants to read 'normal' things all the time? Maybe we need something to stir us up a bit every now and then. So, I'll invite Ace back to the wide open white spaces.

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Your Comment What do you think of the town's decision to save money by removing only some the the recent snowfall?

Betty Sanderson Drayton Valley It's disgusting. There have been too many accidents and they haven't cleaned the roads properly.	George Blager Drayton Valley I don't think it's good at all and I don't think it's very safe for the people—pedestrians or car owners.	Jason Mueller Easyford Yucky.	Andre Balvart Drayton Valley I think it stinks, especially with the kind of taxes I pay and considering the easy winter we've had.	George McGovern Drayton Valley I think it should be cleaned up. There are a lot of people getting stuck and there could be accidents. And who says it could be gone in three weeks?

Letter to the editor

Participate in your town meeting

Dear Editor:

There will be a public meeting on March 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Provincial Building. This is a good chance for Drayton Valley taxpayers and all town residents to question and discuss with our mayor and town council any matter regarding the town.

Do you wonder how your tax dollars are spent? Do you want an indoor pool, or do you have questions concerning a minimum security prison in Drayton Valley? Here is the opportunity for us to have some input into the future of our town. If we do not participate, and if we do not like the way the town is run, we leave nobody to blame but ourselves.

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Recreation Amazons disappointed at zones



The Amazons lost the zone game to Bev Fanny Falcons.

The Frank Macdock Amazons lost a close game against the Bev Fanny Falcons at the regional zone playoffs held in Drayton Valley Friday.

The game against Bev Fanny was an emotionally and physically tough game, said Coach Dave Schwid.

The Falcons won the game by a marginal score of 59-53.

"At times our defence was weak in the first half and this resulted in numerous fouls and allowed Bev Fanny an opportunity to score from the foul line," he said.

In the second quarter they made six out of nine free shots, Schwid added.

During the third quarter the Amazons took the lead and retained it until halfway through the fourth quarter. Failure to convert our chances from the foul line 12 for 10 gave them some breathing room.

In the final four minutes the outcome was uncertain. However, a few costly violations enabled Bev Fanny to make a comeback and take the victory.

"For the players it was a disappointing end to a successful season," concluded Schwid.

St. Albert host Barhead by a score of 64-19 and met Bev Fanny in the playoffs. St. Albert went on to beat Bev Fanny with a score of 46-35, sending them to the provincial playoffs.

In the boys' tournament, Bev Fanny outscored Eden 56-40 while St. Albert won 57-30.

In the final Bev Fanny dominated St. Albert, taking their opportunity for the provincials with a score of 71-40.

Clippers bumped from provincials

Drayton Valley Rose's Well Service Clippers made it to the final qualifying round for the provincial Midget 'B' playoffs before bowing out to the Morinville team Saturday night.

Coach Gary Humphreys was somewhat disappointed with his team's 11-4 loss in the first game of the two-game total point series. "We just weren't up for it," he said, but credited Morinville with being worthy of the win.

The match was played in Morinville and he noted the ice surface was smaller than Drayton Valley's and the large Morinville players "hampered us into the ice."

The teams returned to Drayton Valley Saturday and Clippers lost by a 3-2 margin.

With room to move, Clippers were able to maneuver, but the Morinville team played a well-disciplined brand of hockey and kept close check on them most of the night.

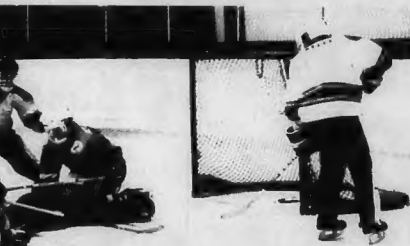
Both games played well and the score could have been higher for each side.

With his team out of the provincial playoffs Humphreys is looking forward to the North Centre Midget 'B' League playoffs. "If we play like we did in the provincials we stand a good chance of taking the league playoffs," he speculated.

He felt Eden and Morinville are better teams than any others in the NCBHL.

Clippers finished third in the league and Humphreys is hoping to play the Red Deer North Stars in the first round. The alternative team is the Red Deer Knights of Columbus which he feels is slightly stronger.

The playoff schedule will have been decided by Tuesday night play with both teams seeing action. Humphreys expects his team will have the weekend off before resuming action next week.



Try Kelly cruises for a rebound.

Evansburg PeeWee team first in league

The Alberta Basketball Association provincial 'D' men's basketball championship will be held in the Red Deer Saturday and Sunday.

This is the first time Drayton Valley has hosted the tournament. Two teams from Edmonton, one from Calgary, one from Whitecourt and a team from Hinton will compete, said Les Hodgson, manager of the Drayton Valley team hosting the tournament.

The Evansburg PeeWee hockey team won the Portland PeeWee league championship played Saturday and Sunday at the Echo Indian Reserve just outside Devon.

Ending the season with first place, the team beat out Whitecourt in the first round of play and will be meeting Westlock today at 7 p.m. in Evansburg for the first game in a total point playoff, said Don Richardson, coach.

The final round of the Alberta Amateur Hockey Association provincial 'D' playoffs will be held in Eckville April 1, 2 and 3, he added.

Enduro race set for Buck Lake

An estimated 50 snowmobiles will take to the trail at the Buck Lake Snowmobile Club holds its 5th annual enduro race this weekend.

"It's one of the most popular lake races in Alberta," says Bob Micku, president of the club. A professional meet with an 80 per cent pay back, he says there will be eight classes of entries competing over distances up to 150 km (90 mi). The race will be staged from the south end of the lake and he explained how it will be an ungroomed course of between eight and 10 km.

No adds there will also be classes for ladies and two-lap races for kids.

Originally the race was held over a 40 km course but was reduced in length to make it fairer to out-of-town competitors who were unable to practice on it regularly and become familiar with it.

Micku also cites spectator vantage points as a reason. With the shorter course, almost the whole race can be viewed from the staging area.

In the past the event was sponsored by the Buck Lake Fish and Game Association but the

snowmobile club was formed and with many members belonging to both groups the snowmobile club took it over.

This is the first year for the club and Micku says the lack of snow has hampered them but they hope to have a polar rally before the season is out.

Sekura Auctions report

On offer March 2 at Sekura Auctions were 217 head of cattle and calves and 60 hogs.

Good stock steer calves \$80 to \$85 per 100; some higher.

Good stock heifer calves \$75 to \$82 per 100.

Good 700 to 900 lb. steers \$75 to \$80.50 per 100; some higher.

Good 800 to 900 lb. heifers \$68 to \$80 per 100.

Good cows \$48 to \$47 per 100; some to \$60 per 100.

Medium type pregnant cows \$500 to \$570 per head; some higher.

Good weaner hogs \$45 to \$51 per head.

Good feeder hogs \$50 to \$62 per head.

Good Holstein calves \$70 to \$107.50 per head.

Gymnasists organize

The Drayton Valley Gymnastics Club held its annual meeting Tuesday in the Rec Plex.

Besides electing new officers, the 24 people attending the meeting were informed the club is now a registered society.

The new president elected was Marie Joyves.

The 15-year-old club was originally run by the town and volunteers until 1980, said Myrna Boucher, past president, then it was run as an individual recreation program by an executive committee.

The club currently instructs only recreation and precompetitive. "We don't compete because of lack of time," she said. The club is currently looking for more coaches and parents to get involved.

A gymnastics display night is planned for March 22.



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"We always had to fight for each of our games," she said.

"We never felt we were better than the other girls."

Yet the team came out on top of the 48-riek competition with a 6-0 record. Second Dianne McMahon credited her skip with reading the ice well and making good shots.

In their final match against Wanda Johnson's rink from Grande Prairie, Vowk took an early lead and held on to the lead to win 15-2.

"They added three points to a 6-2 lead in the fifth end to give themselves some breathing room. When they missed we were able to take advantage and they did the same," said McMahon, "but we just had more opportunities."

The team was filled out by Lead Shirley Churyak and Third Julie Bergen. Bergen and Vowk

have curled together for the past two years while Churyak is a robotic curler and McMahon came out from Edmonton for the bonspiel.

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County moves to reopen negotiations

The County of Parkland at its Thursday meeting moved that a committee be activated to reopen negotiations with the town of Drayton Valley regarding fire protection service outside of the town limits.

Len Miller, reeve, accused the local media of not bothering to research the situation fully.

When discussing the financial dispute he noted that the county paid \$10,000 directly to the fire department, which was not included in the town's budget for the fire department.

Dan Kowalsky commented on the situation, saying he would like to see a full explanation. One of the two fire engines used by the town actually belongs to the county and fire protection is paid

for by the county outside of town, he added, during the discussion.

Ron Pollack questioned if it had been determined that the town could discontinue the service. "To satisfied that they have to give us six months notice by registered mail," answered Miller.

We can get by without them and they can get by without us, Miller said.

The county moved, when discussing a request from the National Farmers' Union for support of the county for the retention of the Crow rule, not to take a position due to the limited amount of information they had on the subject.

Discussing new business, Kowalsky noted the Attorney General's office wanted to lease space in the Drayton Valley county building to conduct driver's examinations.

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Raven writes letter to editor

(Editor's note: Through a series of events which possibly should be explained, but won't be, we have received this somewhat unique misfire from an individual named 'Aer' who claims to be a raven - the use being on the water tower. In keeping with our policy to offer our readers their say we reprint it in its entirety.)

Dear Editor:

Put this letter in or things will go badly for you, Tinkles.

Obeydsky, Drayton Valley, old Aer has decided to come down off his perch and set a few things straight. He sees a lot of things going on from top side and some of them have become fixable to him. It's time somebody called the shots like he is.

Top of the heap - who's in charge of the snow removal? It's a mess down there! How could those town councilors let things get that way?

Old Aer hears all that white stuff is supposed to disappear one of these days. He also hears it's supposed to go away soon. You betcha, but when?

Old Aer hears it's supposed to go away soon. Why? Because the town councilors said it would. Aer has it from a good source that they get inside information from a tax cop reader in the city. Apparently they call on her abilities to decide on all the major issues.

Well, Drayton Valley, do you want your town council going to a tax cop reader to figure out what they should do about the weather?

Can't you see them sitting around drinking tea and arguing who's cup is going to get refilled? Yep, Aer figures that one's probably good for a laugh.

Word about the snow is that she told them to rely on the great solar powered snow remover. Apparently they thought this meant some monster solar powered vacuum cleaner was on its way or something.

Oh well, you're the ones who elected them. Just don't use the expression "birdbrain" while Aer is around or it'll be worth a peck on the neck.

Just to keep things in perspective, Aer strikes Aer that this is an election year. Can't you see all those candidates falling all over themselves next fall telling people how they saved money for the town last year.

Right. Everyone will have forgotten what snow even looks like by that time. Who'll bring up the big snow job of March come October? Aer thinks that's a good one. The councilors have about six months to decide whether or not they want to run again. And those who want to take another kick at the cat (Aer) shouldn't be going to be making waves or headlines or something.

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Yours,

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Oldtimer remembers threshing days



Louise Anderson built these hay stacks herself. These are her children in the foreground.

By Deana Haskel

Forty years ago Louise Anderson married her husband Nils and they lived on their farm north of Drayton Valley since then. She was an early resident of the area when her parents homesteaded in this country when she was one and a half years old.

She recalls some of her childhood experiences when she had three miles to walk to school. "In the winter my lunch would be frozen, and our foreheads would freeze," she says.

She remembers her coat was a lined rain coat, and because there was so little money at that time she wore it year round with only a sweater for extra warmth during winter.

Louise worked with her father a lot. At age seven she had learned the art of building perfect hay and bunds stacks.

Her father bought a separator, or threshing machine, and did custom threshing. When her brother went to the army Louise went with her father on his threshing circuit. "That was my first experience at driving a tractor," she says.

"It wasn't an easy tractor like they are now either. It was a big old Case."

Laughing as she remembers, Louise says her dad liked having her along because being small she could crawl in and pull the straw out when the machines got plugged. "Not that I was too fond of that," she says. "I like working outside though."

After the Andersons were married they built on the farm they presently reside on, along Highway 22 south of Highway 16.

Highway 22 at that time was a fairly good wagon trail. When the seismic trucks started coming through a new road was begun (about 1905-06).

The discovery of oil also seemed to bring the rain, and the road became almost impassable for everything and anything.

Before Highway 22 was built they had to move their house. "The present farmhouse went right through the centre of the house," says Louise.

Nils recalls land prices. Forty years ago a farm could be bought for \$1,500. The land on the south side of Highway 16, now a part of Enbridge, was priced at \$300 for 40 acres. "But you can't look 50 years ahead," he says.

The new road (Highway 22) provided work for Nils for two summers. At that time they were milking cows by hand. "We had to get up at three in the morning to get those blame cows milked," says Louise.

After that she drove her husband to a neighbor's place to catch a ride to work. Then home to wake the children, and get them off to school. "Those summers I was so tired I could sleep standing up," she says.

The Andersons still enjoy a good life on the farm. Their son Lerne, and wife and family have a home in the same yard. They raise goats, and last year earned 50 yards of goat milk. They also sold 600 pounds of raspberries.

"I thought we were getting fed up on them, but we keep on just the same. Got to have some exercise," remarks Nils.

They have three daughters, one son and seven grandchildren.

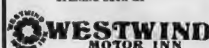
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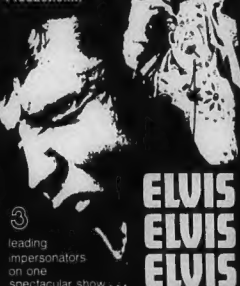
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By Evelyn Howatt

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begins at 9 p.m. For advance tickets call 542-3080, 542-2229 or 542-4842.

The Valentine's supper and dance held Feb. 12 was well attended. There was a raffle for a food hamper with the proceeds to aid the Tomahawk

Playschool and this was won by Betty Chodak of Rocky Rapids.

The monthly bingo will be held Thursday, March 10 at 8 p.m.

The community ladies held a baby shower for Leslie Grue at the home of Jana Ryrie March 3.

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The ladies presented Leslie with a baby stroller.

Blue Cross of Wabamun has been teaching the making of mukluks and the course is now completed. The response to this course was so great that another course will hopefully be held in the near future.

Jana Ryrie curled in the ladies' hospital at Lodgepole with seamstress Phyllis Kupech, Peggy Metcalf and Bridget Mulgrew and the team was second in the third event.

Sherry Dusterhoft curled in the Berton ladies' hospital with Marg Nell and Les and Pat Morton.

The Alder Flats ladies' hospital was attended by Ev Howatt, Marg Nell, Les and Pat Morton and the ladies won the grand challenge.

Sherry Dusterhoft also curled at the Alder Flats ladies' hospital with Kathy Hansen and Collette and Esther Hammond.

Carol and Joe Kelly, Edsel and Harley Vig and Green and Ben Petrie enjoyed a trip to Reno, Nevada, on an extended weekend in February.

Nutrition Week March 7 to 12

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by Janice McGregor 542-5368

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Comprehensive exams no solution to problem

Provincial Education minister David King is listening to a minority in calling for compulsory comprehensive exams, a local teacher said recently.

Trevor Malden, candidate for vice-presidency in upcoming Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) elections, said the exams are strictly a reactionary move by the minister.

"My opinion is King is listening to a minority and is proposing an overly simplistic solution to what is an overgrown problem."

The "back to the basics" movement is really a decided step backwards, not ahead, Malden claimed, and minister King appears to be taking the first step in setting up compulsory comprehensive exams.

Today's system is far too complex to come up with simple answers which simply distort it, he said.

Those who believe comprehensive exams are going to be the answer are "fooling themselves," he added.

Malden continues to preach his anti-ATA policy in his campaign for one of two ATA vice-president positions.

A huge number of teachers will be making their decisions based on literature sent out, he said, so he has aimed his strongest pitch squarely at the issues, who need to be shocked somewhat into taking a stand.

Malden said he's more optimistic now than when he first started his campaign several weeks ago.

Reponses at forums has been "relatively good," but there is still a way of talking for sure who will voice their dissatisfaction with the system by voting for him, Malden explained.

Ballots for the mail-in elections will be sent out March 9, with counting taking place in early April.

Malden is running against several former or current vice-presidents, all of whom he considers conservatives.

If he wins one of the two available vice-presidencies, it will be an upset, he admits.

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Features

Television shows produced locally

Hickree had just finished taping its musical segment and technicians were setting up for the interview portion.

The light stands had been turned on, the interview set and the cameras were being adjusted to the new shooting set.

Producer Edwin Erickson was providing sound level checks and a focus object for the cameramen before he assumed his role as interviewer. Director Paul Verburg's instructions occasionally filtered through the cameramen's headphones as he instructed them from the van housing the recording and switching equipment.

It was the production of the first episode of "Soundtracks" for QCTV's Drayton Valley community cable channel and eight more shows were scheduled to be taped over Saturday and Sunday.

With approximately two hours allotted for the taping of several songs and an interview with the performers, the volunteers worked quickly to set up the equipment and Erickson and the band took their places for the interview.

As producer of the show, Edwin Erickson organized the musicians through his contacts record company, Rock Mountain Records, and came up with the volunteers to man the three

cameras. Spaces for the sessions were donated by the Westwind Motor Inn.

They covered the background of the band and viewers will be presented with a smooth running profile of the group.

But behind the scenes the cameramen were flashing hand signals and responding to Verburg's instructions as Erickson's wife held up cue cards.

Once the interview was over the group moved off the set and preparations for the next band were made. Family Circle, another Drayton Valley group, began the same process of tuning instruments as Glenn Ellery took on the role of recording engineer.

Microphones were moved to accommodate the musicians and their instruments and the light system and the cameras had to be readjusted for the new group to be taped.

Several versions of each song were required as the taping progressed until the songs were played flawlessly.

During a break to set up the Family Circle, Erickson explained the series will be carrying to "a variety musical format."

With his involvement with area musicians through his record label, he said he is optimistic about developing new talent in the region.

The taping of the series was carried out thanks to the help of a volunteer crew. The three cameramen took the workshop put on by QCTV in January, and Ellery donated the sound system which Erickson credited with making a "big difference" in the quality of sound.

He hopes to continue the series once the nine shows are aired. QCTV's Verburg said there has to be at least two days worth of shooting to warrant bringing out the mobile unit.

His company's involvement centres around providing the equipment and access to the community cable channel. Verburg will now have to edit the footage into one-hour segments and said they will probably be aired in several weeks on Channel 10.

The Family Circle will be appearing on the local cable network.



Darren Tuttle plays guitar with The Family Circle.



Hickree was interviewed by producer Edwin Erickson.



QCTV's rural community station Paul Verburg was the director.

Energy-efficient housing slated for seminar

With energy increasing faster than inflation, energy efficiency is becoming a concern of residents everywhere.

Fred Lemieux, a local builder and organizer of the energy

efficient housing seminar being held Saturday, March 19 in the Pembina Educational Convention building, says people are aware of what is available in energy efficient housing.

The reason he is sponsoring the seminar along with the Pembina Educational Convention is to create the awareness. The problem is lack of information so the public can make a choice," he explained.

Joha Hughes, an Edmonton consultant and designer of passive solar and energy efficient homes, will be the feature speaker at the seminar.

Copies during the seminar include passive solar design, a portable—airtight construction, Larsen truss system and air-to-air heat exchangers.

To construct an energy efficient home would cost above five dollars a square foot more than a conventional home, Lemieux said. "Conservatively that extra cost could be saved within five years depending on the lifestyle of the people."

People would be willing to turn down, he clarified.

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Science fair scheduled for Breton Elementary

Breton Elementary School will hold its Annual Science Fair Saturday, March 19 at the Breton Elementary School gym.

Participants will be at the school in the morning with judging starting as soon as the students have their displays set up. The science fair will be open to public viewing after lunch and winners will be announced at 3:30 p.m.

Frax and Wilfred Olmstead celebrated the birth of their daughter March 1 in Leduc. They have named her Erin Letanne.

The Breton Hospital Auxiliary held a meeting Feb. 16 in the nurses' residence with seven members present. They will hold a St. Patrick's bake sale and tea March 18 at the Breton Golden Age Centre from 2 to 4 p.m. Donations of baking would be appreciated.

A battery of \$50 Kyntrina for completing a course as a respiratory technologist.

The Breton Senior Citizens' Apartment has an eight-unit addition under way which should be completed within the next few months. Any seniors interested in subsidized housing should apply at the village office.



Breton News

by Lois Dyck

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Carpet bowling held Wednesday afternoons

By Joelle Bartlett

Collegiate winners at the Drop-In Centre Feb. 26 were Adeline Dackiw and a party days.

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Last year I received unemployment benefits in the amount of \$1,000. This year I am informed that I was overpaid in the amount of \$300 and am required to return this amount. Since I paid taxes on the \$300 last year, may I deduct the \$300 on my return for this year?

Yes, you may. The unemployment insurance commission will give you a receipt marked Good for Income Tax Purposes. The amount shown on this receipt may be deducted from income on the line. Other deductions, in the year repaid. The receipt must be filed with your return.

My son, who will be a senior in high school next term, worked during the summer months and earned about \$2,500. Since this is over the \$2,400 limit for his earnings, will I be able to deduct anything for him on my tax return?

Yes, but you must deduct the excess of his net income over \$2,400 off the exemption of \$1,200. As long as your child is wholly dependent upon you for support and is either under 21 years of age or a full-time student, you may claim an exemption for him. Remember to deduct such items as tuition and hydro payments as a business expense, in this case.

I have a full-time job, but to save extra money I have started a small order business part-time in my home. A friend told me I could deduct my taxes and hydro payments as a business expense. Is this true?

Yes. You may deduct most direct expenses of earning taxable income in your own business or for commission sales. If you use one or more rooms of your house exclusively for business purposes, you may deduct that portion of your rent, utilities and other household expenses that the business use bears to the total house use.

Many taxpayers ask if they may claim the premium they paid in 1982 into unemployment

Yes, for 1972 and subsequent years premiums paid into unemployment insurance are deductible for income tax purposes.

Also, taxpayers who receive benefits from unemployment insurance must include these as income items, for 1972 and subsequent years, unemployment insurance benefits are taxable. You will receive a T4U from the UIC showing amount of benefits received and tax withheld.

Last year, a number of taxpayers, when filing their income tax returns, did not claim for overpayments that had been made into the Canada Pension Plan and for unemployment insurance premiums. Taxpayers want to know how to find out if they have paid too much into the plan and for UIC premiums.



Tax Tips

by Steve Serenis

They do this by completing the section of the tax return called Employee Overpayment: of Tax Contributions and Premiums. And, if they find they have paid too much, they enter these amounts as credits on the lines provided in the Tax and Credit Summary area on the front of the tax form.

Taxpayers who are blind, or who, during 1982, were confined to bed or a wheelchair want to know if there is any special deduction they may claim.

Yes, there is. A taxpayer who is blind, or who was confined to a bed or a wheelchair for a substantial period of time each day during any 12 month period ending in 1982 may be allowed a special deduction of \$2,200.

Some taxpayers who attend school courses at night ask if the fees may be claimed as a tax

Fees for night school courses may be claimed as a tax deduction provided the courses were taken at a recognized school or university, or a school registered by the minister of Manpower and Immigration and the fees were in excess of \$22. The students should ask the school or university for receipts that are recognized for tax purposes and attach them to their tax return.

Many taxpayers want to know how to calculate the income of a dependent.

The figure used should be net income before personal exemptions. In most cases this will be a dependent's total income less the three per cent employment expense, Canada Pension Plan contributions, and any allowable tuition fees.

Taxpayers claiming dependents are reminded that, for taxation purposes, the dependent's net income must be less than \$3,100.

I spent six months of last year in the US working for a US employer. Must I report all my earnings in the US on my Canadian income tax return?

Yes, you must. If you were in the US for less than 183 days and earned less than \$5,000 you would get a refund of taxes withheld in the States. However, if the period exceeded 183 days or you earned over \$5,000, you must file a US return, paying the calculated tax.

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Pinafore road show a pleasure

Opera, even light opera, is not everyone's favorite form of entertainment, but the 300 people who attended Thursday's performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's H.M.S. Pinafore felt the production worthy of a standing ovation.

Excellent singing performances by principals Susan Skinner and Richard Margison in the roles of Josephine and Ralph as the two young lovers were well supported by the dramatic role of John Gillian as the admiral, Sir Joseph.

Doug MacIntosh was not singing as well as Skinner and Margison in his role as commander of the H.M.S. Pinafore, but his performance was more than adequate.

Skinner and Margison managed to deal with the high ceiling of the Rec Plex with strong, confident singing, but MacIntosh seemed to have some trouble with the room.

Gillian's role required somewhat less singing compared to the demands made upon the other principals, but his character required a superior dramatic talent.

Noteworthy among the members of the support cast were Derril Butler as the appropriately dandy, but not really evil, Dick Deadeye; Heather Meyer's portrayal of Little Buttercup deserves mention for her easy, yet sensitive rendering of the character.

The other members of the support cast and the chorus worked well together and easily handled the choreography.

As a light opera, and one in English, the work is more accessible to a general audience. Numerous similarities occur between Gilbert and Sullivan's operettas, but unlike offhandedly all grand opera the libretto is in English.

There is a significant amount of spoken dialogue, but all elements of opera such as arias, duets and quartets are included in Pinafore.

The plot is similar to that of other operettas in that it takes impossible twists to reach the conclusion, but this is nothing new to the operatic form.

There were also a few ad lib which added to the human nature of the show. When Dick Deadeye told the captain he had a warning for him he replied "Oh no, not Lodgepole!"

Dick Deadeye nudged for the children in the front rows and carried out an impromptu "minuet" with a lady from the audience.

Technical aspects of the show were as pleasing as the quality of the singers. The set was as convincing as something which has to be moved every night can be and still give the impression of being the quarter deck of a ship.

The production was brought in by Drayton Valley Presents and was the third of four works scheduled for this season. Misses troupe Theatre Beyond Words will be coming April 19.



The admiral, Miss Josephine and the commander in a scene from H.M.S. Pinafore.

Two-hour meeting

Town and county resolve dispute

County of Parkland residents can breathe a little easier about the continued fire protection from the Drayton Valley fire department following Friday's tentative agreement between the county and the town.

After a two-hour meeting representatives of the two councils agreed on a new package which they felt would be satisfactory to their respective councils.

Four members of the county council and three members of the Drayton Valley town council met in the town's council chambers to come up with a new cost-sharing agreement for the department.

Representing the county council were Reece Lee Miller, Councillor Morris McCullagh, Ivan Vovk and George Mann. County administrator Otto Schuster and county fire chief Ray Saunders were also in attendance as were town Administrator Mas-

don Deol and town fire chief Sheldon Fueson. Members of town council were Mayor Bob Mayhew, Bob Booth and Ken Koehnke.

The men met one month and a day after town council passed a resolution withdrawing fire protection from the county area served by the local fire department. In the resolution council requested a delivery point for the fire truck owned by the county and operated by the town for county fire protection. The date stated was April 30, 1985.

The meeting was closed to the press but opened to questions following the final negotiations. Members of the two groups were visibly pleased with the results.

Chairman of the meeting Ken Koehnke explained concessions were made on both sides and budget figures were not available subject to final approval. (Continued on page 2)

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